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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 348 AN ACT CONCERNING POST-ELECTION AUDITS

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Chairmen Musto and Jutila, Ranking Members McLachlan and Hwang and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 348, AN ACT CONCERNING POST-ELECTION AUDITS.

This bill redefines the audit process as outlined in CGS 9-320f. While many were concerned that transitioning to optical scanners would lead to vote tampering, these audits have demonstrated that this new system has performed with integrity. However, post-election audits, while useful in ensuring the accuracy and legitimacy of election results, can be time-consuming and place an additional financial burden upon participating municipalities. These changes under consideration to reduce the auditing burdens on our municipalities are appreciated.

One change that I ask you to consider is restoration of the language in sub-section (c) which exempts the audit requirement under a recanvass or recount scenario. Any audit after a recount would seem to be redundant.

Thank you again for the opportunity to offer testimony. I respectfully request that you give favorable consideration to this bill after incorporating this change.